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BIRTHS.

On 11th February, at Wuhanwei, the wife of
 HENRY L. BEEN, of a daughter.

On 24th February, at Shanghai, the wife of T.
 A. STANDING, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On 4th February, at Poochow, EDMUND G.
 LEIGH, of the I.M. Customs, to GENEVIEVE
 BEATTIE, second daughter of the late H. S. KID-
 WELL, of Shanghai.

On 22nd February, at Shanghai, WILLIAM FOW-
 LER, formerly of Shanghai, aged 65 years.

On 27th February, at Shanghai, SALLY GOLD-
 MAN, late of Nagasaki, aged 66 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVOLY ROAD CL.
 LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, MARCH 4TH, 1905.

There is a remarkable unanimity observable
 about the comments of the Home papers,
 dealing with a lecture that Mr. BYRON
 BRENNAN delivered to the Colonial Section
 of the Society of Arts on January 24th.
 Mr. BRENNAN was formerly Consul-General
 at Shanghai, and his lecture was concerned
 with the prospects of British commerce in
 China. Most of the journals note the
 "absolute failure of British policy," the
 "indifference of the Foreign Office," the
 "unreasonable and inconsistent policy of
 the Government," and so on. Such a
 unanimous damning of the British Govern-
 ment would appear to demonstrate in itself
 that the Government deserves such censure.
 Does it? Is it not possible that some of
 the Government's alleged "total ignorance"
 of the conditions in China is shared by the
 critics of the Government? Is it not a
 symptom of inability to instruct the Govern-
 ment, to present some positive information,
 when they so generally and enthusiastically

adopt the comparatively safe and negative
 line of criticism, of blaming the Govern-
 ment for not doing some things which they
 omit to specify? The most definite and
 outspoken criticism is that which says the
 British Government has not shown itself
 strong enough. What was wanted, it ap-
 pears, is embodied by one journal in the
 phrase, "a Palmerstonian mailed-fist." Ap-
 parently this conveys a regret that the
 British Premier is not a cross between the
 late Lord PALMERSTON and the German
 KAISER. What, precisely, should have
 been done that was not done? We have
 no doubt that there are many in China who
 will be ready with an answer; but our com-
 plaint is that these sapient critics at home,
 who are, like the apocryphal PADDY,
 "agin the Gov'ment," do not provide
 any. Is it their opinion that the British
 Government has been guilty of blameworthy
 neglect in not seizing upon every plausible
 excuse to declare war on China? We have
 already published a summary of Mr.
 BRENNAN's paper, and have read other and
 fuller reports thereof. In not one do we
 find sufficient for such suggestions as that
 it is a "story of Government incompetency
 and neglect almost without parallel." We
 are not defending the British Government.
 Its sins of omission in the matter of our
 relations with China may have been many.
 We may, however, protest against this
 "stinking fish" policy of condemning it in
 season and out of season, on the strength
 of such a shadowy and vague indictment
 as these critics have last month brought
 forward. Mr. BRENNAN mentioned that
 British merchants make little or no use of
 the newly opened Treaty ports. Is that
 the fault of the Government, which secured
 their opening? One says: "No Govern-
 ment for the last half century ever mastered
 the facts concerning China and her trade
 with this country, of which the first is that
 the Chinese Government would never con-
 cede anything except through force or fear,
 and would never keep a promise unless
 held to it. Government after Government,
 therefore, allowed the Chinese Government
 to evade its obligations, and the Chinese
 Government was thus encouraged in the
 practice." That was the first cause of failure.
 There was no policy at Downing Street.
 The second was that no Cabinet ever kept
 its eye on what foreign Governments were
 doing to promote the trade of their subjects,
 or at any rate none ever ventured that in
 foreign Government exerted itself to assist
 competition against British trade to lift a
 finger to help British trade." If
 foreign Governments are doing so
 much for their nationals, if in foreign
 spheres of influence the Governments have
 achieved so much in successful combatting
 of Chinese obstructive policy, how is it that
 we find so many foreigners glad to remain in
 the English settlements, content to share
 the neglected and waning British trade?
 Is it not that the Foreign Governments
 have failed where ours has failed, to over-
 come the mulish obstinacy of the Chinese?
 The horse is led to the water, but no amount of
 "Palmerstonian mailed-fist" has yet
 made him drink. He is sipping now, of course,
 somewhat to the profit of the foreigner; but
 more time yet is required to show him that
 it is to his own interest to drink heartily.
 We have been told that it is useless to
 "hustle the East." This clamour at our
 own Government by our own people is
 either intended to make it attempt that
 useless thing; or it is simply the cackle of
 impatience, of no more import than the
 expletives wasted on the hammer by
 the man who misses the nail and hits
 his thumb with it. In China any more
 amenable as the result of her frequent ac-
 quaintance with the mailed fist? Is she
 not thereby confirmed in her hostility, more
 suddenly determined to diddle the foreign
 invader than before? "The British mer-
 chant in China," said Mr. BRENNAN, "looked
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 develop trade unless he saw a personal
 gain." Why should he? What good is
 trade without gain? The open door might
 as well remain shut if it cannot be entered
 profitably. The British Government has
 opened many doors, some of which, we are
 told, have not yet been entered. The lack
 of capital or enterprise may be a reason;
 but it is not more likely that most of the
 old exploiters are too busy making money
 to turn to fresh fields, while new blood and
 possible pioneers are scared away by such
 raven croaking as our British Press seems
 so fond of? The Morning Post winds up
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 British trade in China the verdict will not
 have to be 'Too late.'" That sort of spirit
 is not "thinking Imperially." It is not even
 thinking sensibly. At all events it is
 not right to impute to an authority like

Mr. BYRON BRENNAN sentiments to which he
 did not give utterance. He clearly spoke
 of individual lack of business enterprise,
 not of national failure. One is less serious
 than the other, for it could soon be remedied
 if the Home papers were to adopt a calmer
 and more reasonable tone.

France has ordered 10,000,000 francs worth
 of Whitehead torpedoes for delivery within two
 years.

The French cruiser *Chateaurénaud* will
 shortly leave Saigon for home. The *Guische*
 was expected to reach Saigon early this month.

A new company has been organised in the
 United States with a capital of \$300,000 to
 take over the plant of the Manila Telephone
 Company and install a new system.

A shooting competition will be held to-day
 (Saturday) at the King's Park 500 yards
 range between the members of the Volunteer
 Reserve Association, residing at Kowloon,
 Peak and Hongkong.

The St. George's Society of Shanghai has a
 sum in hand (from Ball Account) of Tls.
 1,807.7, after paying all expenses. General
 Account disbursed \$336.91 in charity, and has
 \$350.16 left.

The Chefoo Daily News reports that the
 German cruiser *Hansa* at Tsingtao filled her
 bunkers with Shantung coal from the German
 colliery, thus being the first large ship to take
 this coal on board at the dock.

The Chofo community has unanimously
 handed its request for a municipality to the
 Consuls for transmission to the Ministers; the
 local Chinese merchants are naturally, says the
 N. C. Daily News, in favour of the change.

The Manila Goblenews says that within a
 very short time the streets of Manila will re-
 sound to the clang of the street car going and
 the buzz of the electric motor. The tracks of
 the road are practically completed on all the
 different lines.

Much sympathy is felt, says a Hankow
 correspondent, with the German community
 there owing to the expense and trouble they
 have had with their band. Neither money nor
 labour is being spared in the repairing of it,
 and it is hoped that the efforts made will result
 with the success they deserve.

The Committee of Engineers appointed to
 report on the Panama Canal project recom-
 mends the sea level plan. Mr. John F.
 Wallace, chief engineer, in a report to the
 House of Representatives, estimates the cost at
 \$300,000,000 gold. The canal could be open
 for traffic in fifteen years and completed in
 twenty.

The question of the advisability of enlisting
 Filipinos in the United States army was taken
 up by the President and his Cabinet some weeks
 ago. While the matter was not finally settled,
 the consensus of opinion among the members
 of the Cabinet was, says the Manila Goblenews,
 favorable to the idea, and it will receive further
 attention at a later day.

The programme of music to be performed by
 the band of the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry
 on the New Parade Ground on Monday, from
 4.30 to 6 p.m., is as follows:

March.... "Hasten on Parade" Mills
 Selection ... "Blue Bell in Fairyland" ... Shantung
 Value ... "In the Twilight" ... Coote
 Intermezzo—Two Step "Anona" ... Gray
 Melodia ... "Anore" ... Muriot
 Selection ... "A Country Girl" ... Monkton
 March-Time-Lance "At a Georgia Camp Meeting" ... Mills

Herr Friedenthal, the eminent pianist who
 recently visited Hongkong, had poor houses in
 Manila. Commenting on the attendance, the
 Goblenews remarks that at one performance
 there were more natives than whites in the
 audience, which it regards as striking proof of
 the culture of Filipinos in this direction, and
 at the same time a sad commentary on the
 standards seemingly in vogue among the
 Caucasians. "Of Manila society so-called,
 the gauding, pretentious scores, there was
 hardly any evidence." They seem to prefer
 the expletives wasted on the hammer by
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By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and
 officers, the band of the 110th Mahratta Light
 Infantry will play the following selection
 at the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening:
 March.... "The Welsh Brigade" ... Evans
 Selection ... "San Toy" ... Jones
 Value ... "Chez Amis" ... Musgrave
 Dance ... "At a Georgia Campmeeting" ... Mills
 Characteristic Piece "The Mill in the Black
 Forest" ... Eilenberg
 Selections ... "Barrack room Ballads" ... Cobb
 Mause—From D'Uvres—Anchovy Canape
 Soup—Stew Turkey Soup—Fish—Boiled Fish
 Sauces—Goujons—Entrees—Grilled Fillet of Steak
 au Poivre—Herbs—Chicken Croquettes and Green
 Peas—Shrimps—Patties—Curry—Ox Tongue Joints,
 &c.—Steaks—Sirloin of Beef—Roast Capon and
 Bacon—Boiled Leg of Mutton and Caper Sauce,
 Cold Game Pie and Endive Salad—Sweets—Honey
 Pudding—Strawberry Ice Cream and Finger
 Cakes—Cranberry Tart—Tipsey Cake—Dessert—
 Coffee, Fruits.

The Dallas Bandmann Opera Company again
 delighted a large and appreciative audience in
 the Theatre Royal, City Hall last night, when
 "A Country Girl" was staged for the second
 time. The same piece will be reproduced this
 evening.

In spite of the depression in the shipping
 trade in England and the number of ships
 lying idle, the P. & O. Company have embarked
 upon a considerable programme of increase to
 their fleet. The shipbuilding yards have had
 very little to do, until the fear of a rise in the
 cost of ships, consequent on the improvement in
 the steel trade and the advance of steel plates
 to £5 12s. 6d., induced many shipowners to
 place orders for new vessels. The P. & O.
 Company have now seven new steamers in
 building of 53,000 tons register. This is a
 substantial increase, following as it does the
 addition of several steamers recently aggregating
 a tonnage of 62,000 tons.

The N. C. Daily News says it is reported in
 a native paper that at the special audience on
 Chinese New Year's Day given by the Empress
 Dowager to all the princes of the Imperial
 House and their sons, the ten-year old son of a
 certain prince of the 4th Order particularly
 struck the fancy of the Dowager, who at once
 commanded the boy to reside in the Palace and
 study under the same number of tutors as had
 taught the deposed ex-Hair Apparition P'u Chuan,
 son of the notorious Boxer, Prince Tuan. It is
 therefore rumoured that the Emperor possibly
 may be "persuaded" to adopt the child of the
 Empress Dowager's selection to be his Majesty's
 son and heir to the Dragon Throne.

John Macpherson and W. Macpherson were
 placed before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the
 Police Court yesterday to answer charges of
 disorderly conduct and assault in a Chinese
 restaurant at Yunnan. Complainant stated
 that defendants entered his restaurant on
 Thursday morning last. They had several
 drinks there, and then ordered a bottle of
 whisky. As they would not pay the price of it
 in advance, his fokis refused to serve them where-
 upon the second defendant struck him. As the
 evidence of witnesses for the complainant was
 contradictory, His Worship dismissed the
 charge of assault, but on the other charge he
 bound the second defendant over in the sum of
 \$5 to be of good behaviour for two months, and
 the first in the sum of \$100, as only lately he
 had given the Police considerable trouble.

L'Indo-China Républicaine remarks that
 among the numerous lessons which Europe may
 derive from the war between Russia and Japan
 is the danger to the Continental Powers from
 the English monopoly of telegraphic communica-
 tions. "Thanks to our benevolent indifference," says our French contemporary,
 "this nation (England) can assure herself, in a short time, of the almost exclusive monopoly of the land and marine cables. The thing would appear astonishing if it were not true, and we may well ask by what incomprehensible laxity Europe has allowed itself to be ensnared in this immense network of cables sur-
 repititiously and indefatigably woven by the common enemy, England, who has thus acquired over her rivals an incontestable strategic diplomatic and commercial superiority." Our contemporary goes on to say that this English telegraphic monopoly is almost exclusively the property of one great company, (the Eastern Telegraph Co.) and it proceeds to enumerate all the cables in the world, showing the ownership of each, and promises in a future article to discuss the projects presented to the Chamber for a French telegraphic system which would relieve the nation from this dangerous dependence upon England, particularly with reference to the telegraphic communication with Indo-China.

FIRE BRIGADE SHIELD
 COMPETITION.

The annual competition of the fire fighting
 teams for possession of the shield took place at
 West Point yesterday. His Excellency the
 Governor viewed the proceedings from an ad-
 jacent balcony and amongst others present were
 Hon. Mr. May and Mrs. May, Sir Paul Chater,
 Hon. Mr. Shaw, Hon. Mr. Gerhard Stewart,
 Captain Smith and Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson.
 The ground on which the events took place
 was a veritable mud puddle, hence the
 competitors were greatly handicapped
 and times are not likely to be very
 satisfactory. A large crowd of spectators
 surrounded the square, and the homestops in the
 vicinity were covered with people. Perhaps the
 event which most interested the onlookers
 was the combined wet drill. Water was
 pumped from the Praha and in a few
 moments volumes from four hoses were
 shooting into the air and soon the
 field was transformed into a miniature lake.
 While some of the firemen were engaged on this
 duty, others were running the escape ladders
 up alongside premises abutting one side of
 the square and a gallant fireman rushed
 up this to give an exhibition of life saving
 from an imaginary fire. Several dummies
 had been prepared for the purpose. A number
 of stalwart arms held out a large sheet
 of canvas on the ground below and dummies
 were dropped from the roof on to this. Had
 they been persons escaping from a fire, it would
 have gone hard with them, as each time the
 dummies bumped the ground. There were six
 events on the programme. The shield will
 either go to Foreman Grant's or Foreman
 Fenton's team, but the Judges have not
 yet decided: neither are the times made up in
 the other events. Messrs. Baddeley, Hallifax,
 Baker and Lane superintended the carrying out
 of the programme.

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THE TELEGRAMS.

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NORWEGIAN POLITICS.

LONDON, 2nd March.

The Norwegian Ministry has resigned, as a protest against the administrative changes that are being imposed by the Swedish Government.

TROUBLE IN MADAGASCAR.

LONDON, 2nd March.

A serious rising has occurred among the natives of Madagascar.

CANADIAN POLITICS.

LONDON, 2nd March.

A Ministerial crisis has been reached in Canada.

LORD MILNER'S SUCCESSOR.

LONDON, 2nd March.

The Earl of Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, and previously Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been appointed to succeed Lord Milner as Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

LONDON, 2nd March.

Sir Edward Grey, M.P., speaking at Cheltenham, said that the successors of the present Government would carry out all obligations in regard to the alliance with Japan.

MARTIAL LAW IN POLAND.

LONDON, 1st March.

Martial law has been proclaimed throughout Poland.

THE WAR.

LINIEVITCH DEFEATED.

LONDON, 2nd March.

It is reported that General Kuroki has completely defeated the army under the command of General Linievitch, and is advancing on Mukden.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

A JAPANESE SUCCESS.

LONDON, 1st March.

The Japanese have captured Taling Pass which is of the same importance in relation to Mukden as Motieking was to Liayang.

THE "LENA'S" OFFICERS.

LONDON, 1st March.

It is stated at St. Petersburg that the officers of the Russian Volunteer cruiser *Lena* have

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

During Race Week there were no League matches, the table remains unchanged. The A.O.R.C. play the H.K.C.C. "A" on the Craigengower Ground this afternoon. The following will play for the H.K.C.C. "A":—Mackenzie, Hooper, Fowler, Rutherford, Falton, Wells, McKay, Oliver, Gibson, Horley and de Paris.

The R.A.M.C. will play the R.E. this afternoon, and the Kowloon v. C. the R.G.A.

The Hongkong C.C. season will finish about the end of this month; perhaps another two or three matches will be played. A match was to have been played against the Garrison, but the latter was found to be too scattered.

Weather permitting there will be a pick up H.K.C.C. game on the Rickett Ground this afternoon at 2 p.m. Members wishing to play are asked to turn up punctually.

The undermentioned have been selected to play for Kowloon C.C. against R.G.A. at Happy Valley 2 p.m.—Messrs. W. E. Laudon, (Capt.), G. H. W. Dobbyn, W. B. Duncan, Dr. Swan, W. Dixon, J. Robinson, J. Parkes, E. R. Herton, S. Lightfoot, P. Moss, and Another.

Civil Service C.C. v. R.A.M.C. is a League match to be played this Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The following will play for the C.S.C.C.—F. Biden, R. Witchell, W. E. Werner, F. Robins, W. Willis, P. T. Lamble, R. H. Craig, A. H. Raven, W. H. Wooley, A. Brown and L. E. Brett.

FOOTBALL.

The Hongkong Football Club v. the Royal West Kent Regiment is a shield tie (second round) to be played off this Saturday afternoon, commencing at the early hour of 2.30 p.m. The following have been chosen to play for the Club:—Kew, goal; W. G. Leckie and G. E. Maxwell, backs; H. C. Gray, G. B. Macdonald and E. F. Angott, halves; R. Macpherson, T. E. Pearce, W. H. Williams, R. Henderson and C. Humphreys, forwards. Referee—Corporal Bass, Royal West Kent Regiment.

The Glory, having beaten the Ocean, is in the semi-final, as also will be the winners of the three matches to be played to-day. Besides the one already mentioned, the R.E. play the Centurion on the Naval Ground commencing at 4 p.m., and the Albion play the Naval Yard on the Naval Ground commencing at 2.15 p.m. The H.K.F.C. stand a good chance of beating the Royal West Kent, but they are not likely to be in the final.

The "Old Crook" team will compete with the Hongkong Football Club next Thursday, commencing at a quarter to five. The "Old Crooks" are as follows:—David Wood, goal; H. W. Looker and P. J. Davis, backs; H. Hancock, J. W. C. Bunnar and Kew, halves; A. R. Lowe, N. H. Rutherford, R. Hancock, L. J. C. Anderson and A. N. Other, forwards. The "Old Crooks" think they can win.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

It is getting near the close of the Rugby season. Two new men have joined from the 119th Infantry, and two from the Hongkong Bank. A match, Club v. Navy, will be played this afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m. The following have been chosen to play for the Club:—G. B. Macdonald, back; J. Thomson, T. E. Pearce, J. G. Lecky and A. S. Kempthorne, three-quarters; J. P. Jordau and G. D. Hennessy, halves; E. R. Halifax, P. W. Goldring, A. Boyd, R. Ranking, J. Hanlon, D. B. Murray, H. E. Aspinwall and H. F. Chard, forwards.

YACHTING.

The tenth club race for R.H.K.Y.C. yachts takes place to-morrow (Sunday). Twelve club races complete the season. None has already won the Championship Class competition having come in first seven times running. With the One-Design Class Min is four marks ahead of Kathleen and eleven marks more than Colleen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Corinthian yachts go for a cruise to Tsin Wan Bay to-morrow (Sunday). They start from Ah King's Slipway at 10 a.m. Members who do not own boats and friends are invited, and will be accommodated as far as possible on board the various yachts. A launch will leave Blake Pier at 1 p.m. to convey members and friends to Tsin Wan Bay, where it is proposed to hold races. One race will be for boat owners, and others for non-boat owners and friends. The latter will draw for boats. Prizes will be given.

POLO.

Practice games have been carried on during the past month. Play, however, will not be of a very high-class order till the new China ponies are in working order. Several members of the Polo Club have recently purchased China ponies, and when these are broken in, the games will be much more fun than heretofore, all the ponies being one class instead of two. Members put their wagers up for auction this week, but the reserve prices were not reached. It is probable, therefore, that these mounts will be sent to Shanghai or Singapore, where they are likely to find a better market.

THE V.R.C.

If sufficient entries are sent in, the V.R.C. will hold an athletic meeting on the 8th April on the Hongkong Football Club's ground. The following events are open to amateurs who are members or visitors of the Hongkong Club, Club Germania, Lusitano, Tukoo, Bowling, Cricket, Hongkong Boat and Victoria Recreation Clubs:—long jump, place kick (Rugby football), high jump, 120 yards flat race (handicap), mile bicycle race (handicap), 100 yards flat race (Challenge Cup), to be won

COMPANY REPORTS.

The following appeared in our Shanghai con temporary, the *Daily News*:

The report of the Weihaiwei Land and Building Co., Ltd., for 1904 shows a credit balance in profit and loss of £1s. 68s. against a debit balance at the beginning of the year of £1s. 51s. This is after writing off £1s. 2s. 6d. from furniture. Working account shows a credit balance of £1s. 1s. 87s. to which is added the profit of £1s. 62s. on the sale of the company's estate No. 6. The company still owns 34s. mow of land, of which only 42 mow have been utilised, and has still a claim on the British Government of £1s. 3s. 7d. and interest from 1900.

The report of the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., for 1904 shows a divisible balance, after payment of an interim dividend of 7 per cent in July last, of £1s. 14s. 62s. The directors propose to pay a final dividend of 7 per cent, and bonus of 3 per cent, making 17 per cent for the year, to write off £1s. 34s. 85s. for depreciation, to transfer £10,000 to renewals and depreciation account, and carry forward the balance, £1s. 801. It is noted that the private consumption of gas increased in the year 18.40 per cent, and the consumption in gas engines 45.50 per cent. It is also noted that on the French Concession incandescent gas light is superseding electric lighting.

THE ANGLO-GERMAN BREWERY CO., LTD.

The first annual general meeting of this Company was held at the offices of the agents, Messrs. Stevage and Co., Shanghai, on February 27th. There were present: Messrs. A. McLeod (Chairman), C. W. Wrightson and J. J. Block (Directors); and Messrs. J. H. Osborne, F. Peter, J. G. Carr, C. Fink, K. Blieke, E. Pfeilke, and M. Roettler (Secretary), representing 1,173 shares.

The Chairman said that this being the first regular annual meeting of the Company, he had very little to add to what appeared in the report and accounts. Like many other industrial concerns in China, they had underestimated their expenses, and the actual expenses exceeded their original estimate by \$123,000. It was estimated that the ground for the brewery would cost \$10,000, but they had increased the original quantity of ground, which was now very much larger, and the cost had been \$37,000 instead of \$10,000. The ground was sure to improve in value and would prove a very valuable asset. Besides the ground on which the brewery stood, they had further ground where the wells were situated from which they obtained their water, and they had also built a small restaurant, which being in close proximity to the barracks, should prove a good investment. The buildings, according to plans prepared at home, were estimated to cost \$105,000, but had actually cost \$173,000. This included the cost of a residence for the brewing master and the general manager, erected at a cost of \$24,000. The buildings had been so arranged that they could increase their plant as necessity arose, without any additional cost beyond that of the new machinery. He really thought that in the extra \$63,000 expended on the building they had had their money's worth. The electric plant was estimated to cost \$5,000, but had actually cost \$15,500. This was partly due to the fact that they had erected electrical plant to work part of the machinery by electricity instead of steam. Another item of expense was the acquisition of the Victoria Brewery in Shanghai. This had not yet been successful in increasing their income, but this was due to the fact that they had no provision for cold storage during the summer. They had now come to an arrangement with the Cold Storage Company, and this brewery ought shortly to become a valuable auxiliary to the brewery at Tsin-tao. It had been purchased at a cost of \$4,000. The items mentioned would account for \$120,000 of the \$123,000 excess over the original estimate. Although they liked to keep within the estimates as far as possible, he did not think any shareholder would have cause to regret the extra expenditure. The results of sales in Tsin-tao, which commenced on the 23rd of December, had been very good and the beer was well liked. The demand had been greater than the supply, but they hoped shortly to have a larger supply of casks. The sales had been more gratifying than they had anticipated, and the prospects for the future were excellent. He would be glad to answer any question that might be put.

There being no questions, the following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Wrightson: That the Report and Accounts presented be accepted and passed.

Proposed by Mr. McLeod: That Mr. James Johnston be elected a director in place of Mr. J. Pinties (resigned).

Proposed by Mr. J. H. Osborne and seconded by Mr. J. G. Carneghan: That Mr. G. R. Wingrove be elected auditor for the ensuing year.

The Chairman said:—The Report and Accounts which have been in your hands for some time will no doubt be taken in by the eye as easily as a net with few. The same holds good of spoken symbols. Any language is assimilated equally well in early childhood,—a complex inflectional language in precisely the same time as a simple monosyllabic one. Nay more: place a child under favourable conditions, for instance, in an English family living in France and employing German governesses or tutors, and he will absorb all three languages in the same time, with the same ease, and with the same perfection as a single one would have taken had he remained in his native village. Evidently, there exists a whole educational domain to which arithmetical reasoning does not apply. *Things Japanese* was the authority. We are afraid, if the new edition contains much like this extract just quoted, that its power will be lost. Professor Chamberlain should be too old now to add refined gold. The comparison with the reading power of the English navy does not hold water, since English players do not publish any elucidatory equivalent to the Japanese *kana* columns. The analogy of the measles is weaker still. To establish his point, he would have to show that the many measles could all be measured as quickly as the few. An English child, living in France, with German tutors, does not learn all three languages "with the same perfection" that he learns any one of them in his native village.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

THE C.P.R. STEAMER EMPIRE OF INDIA ARRIVED AT VANCOUVER ON WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST MARCH AT 2 P.M.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Kobe at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and left again at 3 p.m. same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 6th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Mackay* left Singapore on the 27th ult., p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow p.m.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenesk* left Singapore yesterday morning, and is due here on the 9th inst.

result for 1904 has not been attained without great care and constant attention to all the details by your Managing Director, Mr. G. E. Rosch, and his staff. The shareholders and directors have to thank them very much for the excellent showing that has been made. I understand that such a profit was never before made by any paper mill in the world. (Applause.)

There were no questions, and the following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried unanimously:

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bruns: That the reports and accounts as presented be passed.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clarke: That the Directors be authorised to pay a final dividend of 8 per cent making 14 per cent for the year.

Proposed by Mr. Roach, seconded by Mr. Moller: That Mr. G. D. Scott be re-elected auditor at the remuneration of £1s. 35s.

Mr. Roach explained that the remuneration had hitherto been £1s. 2s., but the business had increased considerably and with it the work to be done.

Mr. Roach thanked the meeting for the vote of thanks accorded him, and remarked that January had been the most profitable month the company had ever had. The profits were £1s. 1,000 more than ever in a month before.

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Canton, 1st March, 1905. [609]

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1905. [603]

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THE EMIGRATION CAMP TA CHINWANGTAO.

A correspondent sends this interesting article to the N.C. Daily News.—Chinwangtao is a sort of "No man's land," that is to say, it would seem to belong to everybody. It is a sandy desert on which nothing grows except flags. They are to be found in almost every variety. It is innocent of ice, in the winter time, and of most anything else at the year round, and if anyone has the least intention of paying the place a visit, I should say this to him—"If you can possibly avoid it, don't; but if you must needs go there, by no means lose the opportunity of visiting the Transvaal Emigration Camp." In fact the camp is the only redeeming feature about the place, and to the casual visitor, interested in the *genus homini*, having the least bit of imagination about him, the redoubling is complete. You become really glad you came to Chinwangtao, although you will leave it without a tear.

It looks like a very sad desolate resort as you look down upon it from the sandy knoll intervening between it and the harbour. Within a lofty brick enclosure there are two rows of barracks, each holding comfortably accommodating from three to four hundred men, and each having kitchen, etc., attached. At the end of the rows of barracks stands the Administration—large building divided into apartments, each apartment representing a distinct stage in the transformation of the Chinese coolie into a labourer for the Transvaal mines. Beyond the enclosures are the officer's quarters, hospital, etc. The whole camp is most perfectly arranged, so that the work is carried on with the utmost order and expedition.

Recently the writer visited Chinwangtao at a time when one of the great liners, chartered for the coolie transport, was in harbour, waiting to take a batch of them on board. One of the coolies came down to Chinwangtao from Shantakuan and neighbourhood, but by far the greater number are sent by rail from Tientsin, where they have already undergone a preliminary examination. On arrival at Chinwangtao they are admitted into the barracks and vaccinated. During the days of waiting they enjoy a diet of rice and vegetables, and spend their days in blissful idleness, immune from the temptations of the opium den and the Chinese host-house. Instruction is happily blended with pleasure during this delightful holiday. An interesting lecture is delivered to the men, entitled, "The Contract, its Nature and Scope," in the course of which the agreement they are about to make of their own free will with the Transvaal Mining Company is fully and lucidly explained. The master—a foreigner—knows his business and also his Chinese, and the coolie must be intellectually unfit who listens to that lecture and goes to South Africa in ignorance or doubt as to the exact terms of the contract.

Having thus been vaccinated outwardly and enlightened inwardly, the day comes when the final examination and transformation takes place, and it was on this day that I struck Chinwangtao.

In the great anteroom of the Administration buildings—some two or three hundred coolies—volunteers for the South African mines—are arranged in rows round the walls. They are about as ragged, dirty, and unsavoury a lot as one could wish to see or feel, and some of them are actually looking enough to make one quite sure that they are leaving their country for their own and their country's good, and that the Chinese Government ought to be thankful to be rid of them. Whilst, it is a merry crowd that waits patiently and expectantly in the anteroom. Man by man they pass into the doctor's consulting-room, having first stripped to the skin, and left their old dirty rags behind them. If they pass this final medical test they enter the next room where there is a huge bath like a miniaturized swimming pool, full of hot water. Chinamen are rarely not addicted to bathing, but then they are opposed to it in principle. In fact almost every Chinaman would subscribe the creed of the West-coast man who said that "everybody ought to have a bath once a year—whether he needed it or not." They jumped into the water with the utmost alacrity, until there would be as many as seven or eight at a time. And they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They laughed and disposed of themselves like ducks in a pond on a Spring morning, rubbing and scrubbing themselves and each other mutually, and then, fresh and clean, each man passes into the adjoining dressing-room with a brand new suit of blue waded clothes, shoes, socks, belt, and hat under his arm. In a few moments he emerges from the dressing-room a coated belted knight, as different from the creature who came into the camp a week ago as butterfly differs from the crawling caterpillar from which it sprang. And as he takes his stand at the table to have his name and number registered, he instinctively assumes the air of a man who is conscious, perhaps for the first time in his sordid life, that he is somebody. It is not proclaimed in heraldry on the front of his coat that he is a "New Fo Li Kung"—a South African labourer! And has he not even now in his hand a tassel—that will be transformed into thirty Mexicanos the moment he crosses the threshold of the other room? Fancy him! Hitherto "none so poor to do him reverence." And now, the proud possessor of a new wardrobe, thirty pieces of silver, and a future. No wonder if he lifts his head a little higher than usual and struts unconsciously. But stay. At the eleventh hour he may chuck the whole business. Before the rubicon is crossed an opportunity is given him to draw back, and ere he handles the dollars there comes clear, distinct, direct, the question "Do you clearly understand the meaning of this agreement?" "Minghai," he declares reluctantly, "I receive my wages." And then follows the thirty dollars. Their final arrangements are concluded for the payment of his future wages, either the whole to himself, or in part to his relatives in China, in which latter case a cheque book is provided and given to the person named by him who is entitled to draw a portion monthly in Tientsin.

This matter arranged, he enters a great reception hall, a special apartment thoughtfully provided by the authorities where the poor oilier may take a last affectionate farewell of his relatives and friends. It is not the custom of the Chinese to fall on each other's necks when taking farewell, the one of the other, and consequently the substantial iron railing dividing the coolie from his relatives presents no barrier to the free flow of parental grief or brotherly love, while it insures that the tender ceremony may be performed, as is everything else in this establishment, "decently and in order."

Just for a moment one shrank from intruding on the sacred scene, but it soon appeared that there was nothing sacred about it, that in fact it was not even secular, but a sordid business. Very if the grasping bargains behind the railings were the coolie's friends, much cause had he to pray—"Save me from my friends. He may indeed be the younger son, and he may have spent his substance in riotous living, and may still soon spend it. But the elder brother has no idea of allowing him to take all he has to the far country for that purpose; in almost every

case a goodly proportion of the thirty dollars aforementioned finds its way into the elder brother's pockets, and the farewell ceremony takes the shape of a more or less heated discussion as to how much that proportion should be, and the wrangling waxes louder and more heated until the victim tears himself away without so much as a common every-day "tsai," escaping, with the alacrity of a bird out of the fowler's snare, from the clutches of his avaricious, and impudent relatives.

He has now traversed the various apartments in the fair palace, all except one,—hall corresponding to that wherein he has an hour ago dined his old filthy garments and with them his old "fo." And now he enters the last apartment, where, a new man in new garments, he waits to be ushered into his new life. While he waits he is provided with a capacious sack containing a mat, a bed mat, blanket, suit of summer clothing, a complete set of kit necessities, tin cup and plates, and a cute little bamboo p'low, with legs which fold, so that it may be used as a stool by day as well as a pillow by night. Finally each man is provided with a copy of the contract in pamphlet form, and then the door of the hall swings open, they march out in batches of a hundred or so, mount the platform, enter the cars which wait, and before they are aware they are whisked round the corner of the sand dune, down to the end of the wharf, where the train waits to take them on board the transpo.

I followed them on board, and through the courtesy of one of the officers was conducted to the ship. Everything was scrupulously clean, the sleeping accommodation ample and conveniently arranged, the kitchen conveniences a marvel of ingenuity. And the food! Ay! Rice all the time. Stewed pork and fish meat, navy, vegetable, cooked à la mode! And the advance! Every officer from the captain down to the "T'ou Kang" with the red flag sticking from the back of his head, minis to their fall foot—which they seldom do. And I was assured that all this was not a patch to what was in store for them on the other side. Poor, miserable, daubed, slaves! And if this sort of great-grandmotherly legislation is not relaxed a bit, the race of coolie in the northern provinces will soon become extinct.

GARRISON ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS, HONGKONG, 3rd March, 1905.

GENERAL ORDER—Gazette India—No. 33 The following extract from the Gazette of India is published for information.—Military Department Fort William 2nd January, 1905. The unauthorised officer is admitted to the Indian Army, with effect from the date specified, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State for India.—Lieutenant Robert George Shattock, 2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, attaché as a supernumerary to the 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment; Double Company Officer, 110th Mahratta Light Infantry, attached to the 105th Mahratta Light Infantry. Dated 21st December, 1904.

GARRISON ORDERS—Inspection—No. 1 The General Officer Commanding will inspect the Royal Engineers on Tuesday next the 7th instant. To be formed up in Line at 9 a.m. on Wellington Barracks Parade Ground. Dress, Marching Order, Serge clothing.

Divine Service—No. 2. Divine Services will be conducted on Sunday as follows:—

Denomination	Troops at	Where held	Hour	To Officer in Charge
Ch. of Vict. in India	Cathedral		8.30 a.m.	Chaplain
Ch. of Vict. in Lyons	The	11.15 a.m.		Chaplain
Ch. of Stone	Barracks	12 p.m.		Under Officer in Charge
Ch. of St. Hos.	St. Hos.	12 p.m.		Sur. Officer
England, pilot	Block	4 p.m.		Chaplain
Presby.	Victoria	11 a.m.	Off. Clerg.	Off. Clerg.
W. Indian Vict. in Ross	W. Ind. Vict.	10.15 a.m.	Off. Clerg.	Off. Clerg.
Royal Camb. Vict. in Victoria	S. Joseph's Ch.	11 a.m.	Off. Clerg.	Off. Clerg.
Russia	Kowloon	7.30 a.m.	Off. Clerg.	Off. Clerg.

Launch will leave A.S.C. Pier—for Lyemun at 10.15 a.m. Escorts as under will be furnished by the Royal Garrison Artillery to conduct prisoners to Church. Church of England 1 N.C.O. 2 men 8.15 a.m. Roman Catho. 1 N.C.O. 1 man 8.30 a.m.

Detail—No. 3. Detail of officers for the inspection week. Victoria—(a) Prison visitor Major L. H. Parry, Royal Garrison Artillery. (b) Field officer on the week, Capt. C. H. F. Wakelin, Royal Engineers. Next for Duty—Capt. E. C. L. Flitwilliams, Army Service Corps. (c) Subaltern officer of the week. An Officer, Royal Eng., r.s. Next for Duty—An Officer, Royal Garrison Artillery, Kowloon—(a) Field Officer of the week, Major H. E. Lewis, 11th Infantry. Next for Duty—Major S. R. Stevens, 3rd Burma Infantry. (b) Subaltern Officer of the week. An Officer, 110th Mahratta Light Infantry. Next for Duty—An Officer, 93rd Burma Infantry.

By Order
A. A. CHICHESTER, Major, Chief Staff Officer.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Mosse, Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly report dated Hongkong 3rd March.

During the past week a further improvement has been established in Banks, and to some extent in Decks also, but otherwise there is no material change in quotations, cut market closing quiet but steady, and with but little general business doing. The February settlement passed off satisfactorily on the 28th ult.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai continuing in request, the rate rose rapidly to \$730 with a later sale reported at \$732, and our market closed firm with probable buyers at the former quotation. London has advanced to 275. 10s. 0d. ex dividend. Nationals are in some request at \$36.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Underwriters are easier with sales at \$605 and China Traders at \$584, the latter with further sellers. North China are steady at \$75. 95, and Yangtze at \$106. Cantons are wanted at the improved rate of \$722.

FIRES INSURANCES.—Hongkongs have been disposed of at \$355 and \$360, but close ease with sellers at \$357. China continues on offer at \$93.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have improved to \$254 buyers. Indo-Chinas, after sales at \$125, are easier with sellers at the rate, and for the settlement account. Dongshas have again been booked at \$332 and continue in request. Star Ferries and Shell continue in demand, and without buyers.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have improved to \$227 cash, and to \$229 and \$230 with sales for settlement account, market closing firm at the cash quotation. Luxons are slightly better with buyers at \$23.

Mining.—Raubs have been booked at \$4 and more shares can be placed.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have advanced to \$208 with probable buyers. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have sold at \$1023 (old) and \$100 (now). Faubahns have declined to \$147, but at this there are buyers both locally and in the north. Hongkong Wharves are slightly easier with sellers at \$147 and \$145 for the old and new issues respectively.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have receded to \$129 with sales and further sellers, and West Point to \$56 sellers. Kowloon Lands can be placed at \$27. Humphreys Estates, after sales at \$11.80 and \$11.90, are on offer at the latter rate. Hongkong Hotels continue in request at \$141. Shanghai Lands have improved to \$116 with sales and probable buyers.

COTTON MILLS.—Quotations are unchanged, and no business has transpired in this section.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Provisions have sold and are still procurable at \$81. Dairy Farms have been book at \$12 and Geo. Fenwick at \$40. Tramways have dropped to \$200 at which rates a sale is reported. Steam Water-boats have been booked at \$181 and South China Morning Post at \$24, both closing with sales and probable buyers.

MUNITIONS.—China Fire Insurance Co.

L1., ordinary yearly meeting on the 9th March. Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting on the 6th March. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown, 1st March. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting on the 10th March. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting and extraordinary general meeting on the 11th March, transfer books closed from the 8th to the 11th March inclusive.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL—Quinquagesima Sunday; March 6th. Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses, Tallis' Venite, Stanley; Psalms, Bowles; Gosp. Epistles; Te Deum; Ward; Wesley; Te Deum; Russell; Jubilate, Barabas; Hymns, 293, 344, 604, 362. Holy Communion at 12.15. Evening prayer—Magis, Goss; Nunus; Dimitri; Croft; Hymns, 242, 210, Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses, Wesley; Psalms, Macfarlane and Hopkins; Magnificat; Day in D (9th E); Nunus; Dimitri; Monk in A Minor (1st M); Hymns, 211, 235 and 274; Vesper Hymn, Ward, No. 1.

St. Peter's CHURCH, Queen's Road West—Quinquagesima Sunday. Morning prayer 11 a.m.—Venite, Wesley; Te Deum; Russell; Jubilate, Barabas; Hymns, 293, 344, 604, 362. Holy Communion, 12.15. Evening prayer—Magis, Goss; Nunus; Dimitri; Croft; Hymns, 242, 210, 362. Holy Communion, 7.45 p.m.

The church lanyards will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the call flag. All the settings are freest and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday School 10-15, 45 a.m.

ASHLEY ROAD HILL, Kowloon, No. 6. Ground Floor—Services. Lord's Day, 8.30 a.m., Breaking Bread.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
ABROGELDIE, British str. 2349, Keith, 3rd March.—Hamburg 2nd March. Cement.—Carlowitz & Co.

CHUMI, British str., 3rd March, from Canton.
DOMIC, British str., 4,875, Harry Smith, R.N.R., 3rd March, S.S. Fr. no less than 2nd Feb., and Shanghai; S.S. Madeira and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.

FRI, Norwegian str., 2nd March, from Canton.
HUF, French str., 7,05, Godinon, 3rd March.—Haiphong and Ports 2nd Mar., General—A. L. Murry.

JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 623, B. Olshon, 3rd March.—Pakhoi 26th Feb. and Holloway 1st Mar., General—Johson & Co.

MEDAN, German str., 392, Sharp, 2nd March.—Singapore 21st Feb.; Ballast—Japanese Coal.

NORD, Norwegian str., 1,074, Fendberg, 3rd March.—Cardiff 31st Dec. and Singapore 22nd Feb.; Coal—Doddell & Co.

PUNDUA, British str., 2,156, R. F. Thompson, 3rd March.—Rangoon via Straits and Singapore 23rd Feb.; General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SANTHIA, British str., 3,652, R. Phillips, 3rd March.—Raouche 26th February, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TEAN, British str., 1,316, A. Semmerville, 3rd March.—Manila 28th February, General—Butterfield & Swire.

ULYSES, British str., 4,82, L. M. Boyan, 3rd March.—Liverpool and Singapore 27th Mar., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
3rd March.

Alesia, German str., for Singapore.
Goodwin, British str., for Kruon.
Kensington, British str., for Sagon.
Signet, German str., for Holloway.

DEPARTURES.

3rd March.

HAIMUN, British str., for Swatow.
HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.
ITARUA, British str., for Yokohama.
KWONGSHANG, British str., for Swatow.
SIEH, British str., for Kuching.
SANHUA, British str., for Yokohama.
TJIPANAS, Dutch str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Pundua* reports: Fine weather till 2nd inst., when experienced strong monsoon with thick weather.

The British str. *Tean* reports: Light winds, very clear weather with very heavy swell, wind freshening as approached Malacca.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

3rd March.

ABEDINIAN DOCKS—Shantung.
HOWLAW DOCKS—Shantung, Liscun, Etc.
Vespa, Tefor, H.M.S. *Taka*.
COMMOONI DOCK—Nansang.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.
THE Company's Steamship

THE BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be despatched as above to MORROW, the 3rd March, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage apply to JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1905. [578]

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLUMBO AND PORT SAID.

THE Bucknall Line Steamship

"BARALONG," Captain H. G. Roberts, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 6th March at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1905. [579]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOURANE," will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 6th March.

For Freight or Passage apply to L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1905. [580]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP. THE Company's Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE," Captain H. G. Roberts, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 20th March.

This steamer has superior accommodation for passengers.

For Freight or Passage apply to SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1905. [586]

FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALACCA COAST.

THE Steamship

"SCHUYLKILL," Captain Nicholas, due here on or about April 3rd, will have prompt despatch as above.

She will be followed by the s.s. "HUDSON," Captain Burnett, sailing hence on or about April 15th.

For Freight & further information, apply to STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1905. [601]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS IN CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STATE NAVIGATION CO.'s forthcoming service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1904.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into four Sections of running from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong II, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

SECTIONS.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON,
SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN,
EGYPT, MARSEILLES,
LONDON, HAVRE, BOR-
DEAUX, MEDITERRA-
NEAN AND BLACK SEA
PORTS.

THE Steamship

"CALEDONIEN," Captain Gregory, will be despatched for MAR-
SEILLES on TUESDAY, the 7th March, 1905, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal pieces in Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:

S.S. "OCÉANIEN" ... 21st March.

S.S. "TOURANE" ... 4th April.

S.S. "TONKIN" ... 18th April.

L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1905. [2]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALACCA COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1905.

"RICHMOND CASTLE" ... 7th Mar.

"ST. ELLANS" ... 21st Mar.

"LOWTEE CASTLE" ... 18th April.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1905. [283]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at MANILA, PORT DALWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EASTERN."

Captain W. Ellis, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 11th March, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon and Stewardess are carried.

N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamer of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2st February, 1905. [481]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA. (Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALICO. (Taking cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, MALAGA and MALLACA.)

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA."

Captain Magazzini, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1905. [4]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI."

Captain T. Austin, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong, on Week Days, at 8 A.M.; and on Sundays, at 2.30 P.M. Departs from Macao on Week Days about 6 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.

FARES—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.

Every Sunday will be on excursion, at the following rates:

1st and 2nd Class, Single Ticket \$1, Return \$2.

3rd Class, Single 30 cents, Return \$0.50 cents.

Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied either en boat, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning passengers only, at an extra charge of \$2.

On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a private cabin, which has accommodation for two or more passengers, will be charged \$3 extra.

First Class Passengers who do not care to return on the excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Half Ticket. Should the steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the Boiler Cleaning, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Half-Ticket will be available for the following day.

The Steamer is throughout by Electricity.

The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & CO.

2nd Floor, 18, Victoria Street, Hongkong, 7th October, 1904. [21]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [6]

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 5th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACH-OY"	On 5th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	On 7th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"	On 10th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 18th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OANFA"	On 21st March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KAISOW"	On 25th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 28th March.	

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"STENTOR"	On 14th March.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	On 15th March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 23rd March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 11th April.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 20th April.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"KAISOW"	On 25th April.	
Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.			

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"OANFA"	On 24th March.	
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Hongkong, 18th February, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	
SWATOW, CHEFOO and TIEN-TSIN	"CHIHLI"	On 4th March.	
CHEFOO and NEWCHWANG	"HANYANG"	On 6th March.	
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 7th March.	
NEWCHWANG and SHANGHAI	"ICHANG"	On 8th March.	
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOTOWN, CAIRNS, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIWAN"	On 8th March.	
CEBU and ILOILO	"CHANGSHA"	On 14th March.	
The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivaled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.			
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Hongkong, 28th February, 1905.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
YOKOHAMA and SHANGHAI	MANILA	Noon, 6th March	Freight and Passage.
(Passing through the Inland Sea) H. G. H. Lewellen, R. E. E.			
LONDON, &c.	BENGAL	Noon, 11th March	{ See Special
	G. Phillips	March	Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	NUBIA	About 11th March	Freight and
	F. N. Tillard	March	Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP	BENGAL	About 15th March	Freight and
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, JAPAN	E. P. Martin, R. E. E.	March	Passage.
COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES			
For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.			

Hongkong, 27th February, 1905.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
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VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Purington	Thursday, March 30th
SHAWMUT	2,606	E. V. Roberts	Thursday, April 13th
TREMONT	3,606	T. W. Garlick	Saturday, May 6th
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Monday, May 13th

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1905.

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"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schuldt	March 10th, 1905.
"NICOBERIA"	4,370	Wagner	March 31st, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brahmer	April 20th, 1905.
"ARABIA"	4,483	Bahl	May 11th, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1905.

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STEAMERS TO SAIL.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 8th Mar.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 29th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 19th April.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 26th April.

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Intermediate on Steamers, and 1st Class Ball 240. " 242.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Postage* with the French Mail of the 3rd February, left Saigon on Friday, the 3rd inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 6th March. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 6th January.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

TODAY

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DATE.

Macao	Wingchau	Saturday, 4th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Fatshan	Saturday, 4th, 7.30 A.M.
Quang-Chow Wan, Hollow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Hue	Saturday, 4th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Zafiro	Saturday, 4th, 9.00 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and SAN FRANCISCO	Print. Matter and Samples	4th, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration	10.00 A.M.
	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.30 A.M.)	10.30 A.M.)

Cheloo and Newchwang	Er.	11.00 A.M.
Macao	Shandung	4th, 1.15 P.M.
Amyoy	Shantung	4th, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow, Cheloo and Tamsui	Chihli	4th, 3.00 P.M.
Kob	Tsingshan	4th, 4.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amyoy and Tamsui	Thens	4th, 5.00 P.M.
Banbuo	Hofu	5th, 5.00 P.M.
Nantou	Wingchau	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchau	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Namtu	Hofu	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Sanbuo	Wingchau	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Kongnong, Kunchuk and Kaukong	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Canton	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
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Cheloo and Newchwang	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobo and Yokohama	Manila	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Macao	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Amyoy, Straits and Rangeen	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Kongnong, Kunchuk, Shiuung and Takking	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Namtu	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Sanbuo	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Kongnong, Kunchuk and Kaukong	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Houan	5th, 6.00 P.M.
Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Herbertshofen, Matapi, Brisbano, Sydney and Melbourne	Prinz Sigismund	5th, 6.00 P.M.

Europe, &c., India via Tatticorin	To-day	11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		
Mauli		
Newchwang		
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER (B.C.)		
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Ningpo and Shanghai		
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth		
Singapore, Penang and Bombay		
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TO-DAY.

Hals, Household Furniture, Barker Road, Peck, Messrs. Hughes & Routh, 2 p.m.
Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales-Rooms, Mr. V. J. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.
Dallas-Bandman Opera Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

3rd March

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/10 ⁴
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/10 ⁴
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/10 ⁴
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/10 ⁴
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/10 ⁴
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/10 ⁴

ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	2/28 ⁴
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	2/28 ⁴

ON GERMANY.—	On demand	1924
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ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	45 ⁴
	Credit, 60 days' sight	46 ⁴

ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	140
	Bank, on demand	140 ⁴

ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	140
	Bank, on demand	140 ⁴

ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	72
	Private, 30 days' sight	72 ⁴

ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	92 ⁴
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ON MANILA.—	On demand—Pesos	91 ²
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ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	51 p.c. pm.
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ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	112 ⁴
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ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand	2 p.m.
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ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	61
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SOVEREIGN'S BANK'S BUYING RATE		\$10.55
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GOLD LEAF, 100 lbs., per ton		\$55.20
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BAR SILVER, per oz.		27 ^{1/2}
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OPIUM.

2nd March.

Quotations are—Allowance not to 1 catty.

Malwa New \$1150 to \$1170 per picul

Malwa Old \$1200 to \$1230

Malwa Older \$1230 to \$1310

Malwa V. Old \$1340 to \$1370

Persian fine quality \$880 to —

Persian extra fine \$910 to —

Patna New \$1170 to — per catty.

Patna Old \$8 to —

Bengal Old \$8 to —

Bengal New \$1100 to —

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LORD CHARLES AND THE GUILD.

With reference to the Official reports of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford regarding signals from H.M.S. "Cesar" not being answered by merchant vessels, the Merchant Service Guild has, for some time past, been going closely into the subject. Amongst a number of reasons advanced for such signals not being answered, was that Aliens might conceivably have been in command of these vessels, or that they were under-manned. The Guild also drew the particular attention of the Board of Trade and the Admiralty to a number of cases where the signals or salutes of merchant ships had not been answered by men-of-war. Several of these cases were brought to the attention of Lord Charles Beresford who has replied as follows:

"H.M.S. 'CEASAR.'

Dear Captain Moore, — Thank you for your letter of the 11th December, and I also have to thank the Merchant Service Guild for kindly enclosing me a copy of current issue of the *Guild Gazette*. I notice the letters to which you call my attention complaining of "salutes" of merchant ships not being answered by British men-of-war. I think you will agree with me that the few acts reported of want of courtesy in this direction is extraordinary, considering the vast amount of mercantile shipping, and man-of-war shipping that meets each other daily on the seas.

There must have been some great slackness on the part of the men-of-war who did not note the dipping of the merchant ship's colours. In the letters, I observe that the object I had in view, viz., "The improving of a most important question concerned with efficient War Organization, that of rapid and accurate signalling between men-of-war and merchant ships" has been entirely lost sight of; on a former occasion I called your attention to a fact that words had been attributed to me which I have never written or uttered. I have never complained as to the "want of courtesy" between men-of-war and merchant ships, as such want of courtesy does not exist. I called attention to the necessity of reform in the question of Line of Communication by signalling between the two great services. I am delighted to think that the Guild are of opinion that "the prominence not given to this great subject will work an immense amount of good not only in regard to effecting improvements in signalling at sea; but in drawing together the Royal Navy and the Merchant Service in much closer and more friendly touch." The closer the two Services are knit together in friendly sentiments and efficient line of communication, the better it will be for the country and the Empire.—Your obedient servant,

CHARLES BERESFORD,
Vice-Admiral.

A reply was also forwarded expressing great regret if the impression had been conveyed to Lord Charles Beresford that the subject of rapid and accurate signalling had been entirely lost sight of. This was far from the case, inasmuch as the whole position had been put forward by the Guild, and their action had perhaps in a small way led to the formation of an Admiralty Committee to go into the subject.

The Guild do not deal so much with "want of courtesy," their desire being to refute the charge that Captains and Officers of the Merchant Service were ignorant of the International Code of Signals. Such a charge they said was not in any way justifiable. It may be mentioned that, since this correspondence, five more reports as to men-of-war not attending to signals have been forwarded to the Admiralty through the medium of the Board of Trade.

The next meeting of the Signalling Committee will be on the 24th instant at which the representative of the Guild, Captain G. Rogers, will attend. On October last, acting upon the invitation of the Admiralty, the Merchant Service Guild nominated Captain G. Rogers as a member of the Admiralty Signalling Committee which was in process of formation. It was, however, distinctly understood that Captain Rogers during the Inquiry was to represent the interests of Captains and Officers as a whole. On the 13th December the Secretary of the Scottish Shipmasters and Officers' Association, writing on behalf of the Federated Society of Shipmasters and Officers, stated that they should have been asked to nominate a Shipmaster as representative of the entire body. They admitted that a Shipmaster as nominated by the Guild could only voice the opinions of one individual Society, and on account he was directed to formally protest against Captain Rogers serving alone as the representative of Shipmasters and Officers on the Committee. The Admiralty were further informed that the Federation desired absolutely to acquiesce in Captain Rogers' nomination, and refused to be bound by any opinion he might give expression to. Statements have also appeared in the Press that Captain Rogers cannot represent "tramp" interests. The Guild deny this statement inasmuch as this gentleman has had a great deal of experience in "tramp" steamers, and therefore is fully competent for the purpose. In reference to the action of the Secretary of the Scottish Society the following correspondence has taken place between the Merchant Service Guild and the Admiralty:

The Secretary to the Admiralty
31st December, 1904.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 17th October last inviting the Guild to nominate a gentleman to act as the Admiralty Committee on Signalling, the Guild have noticed the recent inclusion of other gentlemen who have seen service in merchant vessels.

Though, undoubtedly, this is a source of gratification, it has come as a great surprise in view of the Admiralty's explanation to the Guild that, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, the necessity of limiting the members of the Committee rendered it impracticable for the Guild to invite bodies such as the Merchant Service Guild or the Mercantile Marine Service Association to nominate special representatives to sit on the Committee. Consequently, insistence was laid on the fact that the Merchant Captain suggested by the Guild must not be regarded in any way as their special representative, but as the representative of the Merchant Service as a whole. To this arrangement the Guild cordially agreed, and Captain Rogers consented, and has acted on the Committee without regard to any particular Society or Societies.

This new departure, however, on the part of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, places him in a position of some difficulty, inasmuch as the representative capacity in which he was supposed to be sitting has quite altered. He cannot longer be considered as representing the whole of the Merchant Service as at first, and the Guild would be glad to know in what representative capacity the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will now recognize him, provided he continues to sit?

The Guild greatly regret that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should have been troubled with protests engendered by professional jealousy on the part of several other small but much older Societies, their total membership being far less than that possessed by the Guild whose supporters and adherents are to be found all over the world and in practically every port. If the inviting of a nominee from each of these other Societies is for the purpose of obtaining greater representation of Captains and Officers in a numerical

sense, then the Guild would appear to be entitled to a number of representatives rather than one. The Guild have thought it right to state the foregoing simply for the information of the Admiralty. Otherwise, they would have ignorantly acted on the part of other Societies only calculated to injure the cause of Captains and Officers as a whole.

As before stated, the Guild are glad to see further representatives of the Merchant Service on the Committee, but the manner and tone in which this has been brought about is one to be greatly regretted.

It is trusted that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will be so kind as to accord a reply to the inquiry regarding Captain Rogers. Furthermore, they may rest assured that the Guild, in its signalling or any other subject, have the true interests of the service at heart, and they will be only too ready to co-operate in anything which makes for higher status or enhanced efficiency without regard to any bitterness which may be apparent on the part of others. — I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. G. MOON, Secretary.

The Secretary. — Adm. J.

Merchant Service Guild, 7th January 1905.

Sir—My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have had before them your letter of the 31st ultimo concerning the appointment of representatives from various Shipping Associations to the Committee which has recently been formed to dispose of the subject of Signalling between His Majesty's Ships and the Merchant Marine.

—In the first place, My Lords desire me to state that they note with great satisfaction the terms in which the Merchant Service Guild assure their Lordships that they have the true interests of the service at heart, and will be only too ready to co-operate in anything that makes for higher status or enhanced efficiency without regard to any bitterness which may be apparent on the part of others. — I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

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PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000
STELLING RESERVE \$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE \$3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORE \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1905. [32]

THE DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin Calcutta Hankow
Tientsin Tsingtao (Kiautschou)

LONDON BANKERS,
MESSRS. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS
BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th August 1904. [28]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP 2,800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS 2,800,000

RESERVE FUND 2,800,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2½ per annum on the Daily balances
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent

" " 6 " 34 "

" " 3 " 24 "

" " T. P. COOKRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th May 1904. [29]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE

12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—Shanghai Taels 5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Canton Peking
Chefoo Penang
Hankow Singapore
Tientsin

The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advanced made on approved securities. Bill's Discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS
At 2½ per annum on Current Account daily balances.

3½ per annum on Fixed Deposits for 3 months

4½ " " 12 "

5½ " " 19 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1904. [27]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL 21,500,000

SUBSCRIBED 11,25,000

PAID-UP 5,62,500

RESERVE FUND 80,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account a rate of 2½ per annum on the Daily balance

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months 4½ "

" 6 " 24 "

EVAN ORMISTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [28]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING

CORPORATION.

Fiscal Agents for the United States in China and the Philippine Islands.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

AUTHORISED Gold \$10,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP Gold \$3,347,200

RESERVE FUND Gold \$3,947,200

HEAD OFFICE: New York.

LONDON OFFICE: Threadneedle House, E.C.

Branches and Agents all over the World.

LONDON BANKERS.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND
LIMITED,

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK,
LIMITED,

BRITISH LINEN COMPANY BANK.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account and accepts Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

20, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1905. [29]

BANKS

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP 18,000,000

CAPITAL UNCALLLED 6,000,000

RESERVE FUND 9,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Kobe Nagasaki

Lyons New York

San Francisco Honolulu Bombay

Tientsin Tientsing

Peking Linchow

LONDON BANKERS.

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

PARK'S BANK, LIMITED.

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S
BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1904. [27]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules

may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed or FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [2]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL
CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 5,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPER, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Kobe Tainan

Amoy Tamsui

Foochow Tamsui

Keeling Tamsui

HONGKONG OFFICE:

4, Queen's Road.

Interest allowed on Current Account.

Deposits received on terms which may be learnt on application.

S. SHIGENAGA, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [27]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

AUSTRIA-LITHUANIAN BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: LITHUANIA.

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